person before taking office as a Union Minister has to disclose to the Prime Minister details of the assets and liabilities of himself and members of his family. After taking office, and so long as he remains in office, the Union Minister has to furnish annually by the 31st March to the Prime Minister a declaration regarding his assets and liabilities. It has not been the practice to disclose their details.

[*Translation*]

Pension for Widows, Handicapped and Old Age Persons

2769. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM': Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widows handicapped and old age persons are given pension in Delhi;

(b) if so, the amount of pension given to such persons every month and when it was introduced;

(c) whether the Government propose to enhance the amount of the pension in view of the increase in prices; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration provides Old Age Pension to destitutes who have attained the age of 60 years. This pension is also provided to the disabled persons with a relaxation of 5 years in the prescribed age limit.

(b) Pension was introduced in 1975. It was enhanced from Rs. 60/- p.m. to Rs. 100/- p.m. from 1st April, 1987. At present the pension is Rs. 100/-p.m.

(c) and (d). No, Sir.

Assistance to M.P. for the Development of Ambedkar Village

2770. SHRI BARELAL JATAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have provided any financial assistance to the Madhya Pradesh Government for the development of Ambedkar Villages;

(b) if so, the total amount sanctioned;

(c) whether Union Government issued directions to the Madhya Pradesh Government in regard to the development of Ambedkar Villages; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of Bengalis in Pilibhit District

2771. DR. PARSHURAM GANGWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to rehabilitate Bengalis who settled in Pilibhit district 40 years ago; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). All Bengali-speaking